

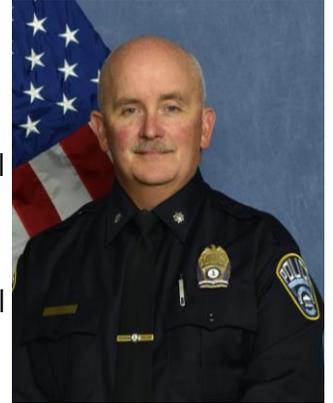


October 2020

MESSAGE FROM THE ACTING CHIEF OF POLICE

It is my pleasure to provide the first edition of the Arlington County Police Department's monthly **News and Highlights from Across the Agency**. While the Police Department has a longstanding and established history of effectively communicating and engaging with the community, we understand that the trust of those we serve is earned each day. This newsletter is one of the many ways we're working to ensure transparency so the public can have confidence knowing we are providing the level of service that is both expected and reflective of this community.

In 2015, the Police Department adopted three key initiatives to guide personnel as we deliver professional police services to the Arlington Community. This newsletter highlights the work personnel of the agency have undertaken throughout the month of October in support of our three key initiatives of Crime Prevention and Control, Transportation Safety and Community Engagement.



While we have faced new challenges during the COVID-19 pandemic, the agency remains committed to forward thinking to address emerging trends affecting public safety while continuing to engage with community members, organizations and businesses. The sworn and civilian professionals of the Arlington County Police Department provide dedicated service to the Arlington community every day and their commitment to the safety and well-being of this community remains unwavering.

I want to thank you for taking the time to learn more about the Police Department. Should you have additional questions, our Command Staff welcomes the opportunity to meet with members of the Arlington Community and discuss their concerns during small group conversations. You can request a meeting by completing our [online form](#).

Sincerely,

Andy Penn
Acting Chief of Police

ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY

- The Office of Professional Responsibility investigated 1 complaint against personnel in the month of October.
- The Department received 16 personnel commendations with 13 originating from the community and 3 from outside agencies.
- Personnel attended 2,026 hours of training. Course highlights include, but are not limited to: Autism Awareness, Crisis Intervention Team Training, Disability Awareness Training, Police Cyclist Course, Anti-Bias Training, Constitutional and Community Policing and Proactive Approach to Mitigating Conflict.
- Officers utilized TECC medical care in 1 incident involving a subject who had suffered a gunshot wound. The responding officer applied a chest seal to the subject's wounds and continued treatment until the arrival of medics.

INTERNAL AGENCY UPDATES

- The Human Resources Management Section (HRMS) hosted a promotional process for the rank of Lieutenant. A total of 21 eligible candidates participated, resulting in a 50% increase in the number of participants from the 2018 Lieutenant's promotional process. The HRMS certified 7 candidates eligible for the promotion.
- The HRMS processed 2 officers who tested positive for COVID-19 for the month of October. A total of 7 were determined to have been exposed and quarantined for a total of 77 days.
- Through October, recruit officers assigned to the Northern Virginia Criminal Justice Training Academy (NVCJTA) completed their final week(s) of break-out sessions, including Firearms and Emergency Vehicle Operation training.
- Sgt. A Bercovicz was awarded the Sons of the American Revolution Law Enforcement Commendation Medal.

CRIME PREVENTION AND CONTROL – CRIME DATA

ARREST DATA ¹

Month	2019			2020		
	Adult	Juvenile	Total	Adult	Juvenile	Total
October	274	27	301	225	8	233
Total (Year to Date)	3,314	301	3,615	2,231	145	2,376

OFFENSE DATA ²

October	2019	2020
All Cases	1,100	1,096
Homicide	0	0
Robbery	4	12
Aggravated Assault	21	15
Simple Assault	21	82
Motor Vehicle Theft	37	28
Burglary	14	13
Trespass	47	73
Larceny from Auto	81	67
Other Larceny	175	160
Vandalism	74	68
Sexual Assault	14	12
Weapons Offenses	8	10
Substance-Related Offense	220	172

¹ Arrest month refers to the arrest date, not the date of the offense leading to the arrest. All counts refer to the number of individuals arrested, not the number of charges levied. This is a highlight of common offenses and is not inclusive of every criminal incident investigated by the Department.

² Offense data includes both primary and additional offenses associated with a single case number. All data is preliminary and subject to change based upon follow-up investigations. Offenses determined to be unfounded through investigation are not included. The 13 listed case types do not reflect all incidents reported and/or the total number of cases in the month.

CRIME PREVENTION AND CONTROL

The Police Department aims to provide high quality service to the community through the successful investigation of criminal offenses occurring in Arlington County. Below are some of the notable investigations undertaken during the month of October in support of the department's key initiative of Crime Prevention and Control. Additional investigative information can be found in the [Police Newsroom](#), [Daily Crime Report](#), [Online Crime Map](#) and [Open Data Portal](#).

MALICIOUS WOUNDING, 2020-10210142, 5000 block of Columbia Pike. Police were dispatched to the report of a juvenile male victim suffering from a non-life-threatening gunshot wound. Through a combined effort from officers and detectives across the agency, a juvenile suspect was identified, arrested and [charged](#).

WEAPONS VIOLATION, 2020-10170215, 2300 block of Richmond Highway. Patrol officers conducted a traffic stop for a suspended operator's license. During the investigation, the passenger was found to be in possession of narcotics packaged for distribution and a loaded handgun. The passenger was arrested and charged with various narcotic and weapons offenses. He was held on no bond.

NARCOTICS VIOLATION, 2020-100800191, 3100 block of Columbia Pike. Officers conducting surveillance on the parking lot of a business observed suspicious activity consistent with narcotics use inside an occupied parked vehicle. Officers made contact with the two occupants, determined they were intoxicated and using controlled substances. During the course of the investigation, officers located suspected narcotics inside the vehicle and recovered a loaded firearm from the front of the passenger's pants. The two occupants were [arrested and charged](#) with various offenses.

NARCOTICS VIOLAITON/MALICIOUS WOUNDING, 2020-10110024, I-395 at Boundary Channel Drive. Police were dispatched to the report of a subject inside a vehicle stopped on the shoulder of the highway suffering from a gunshot wound. Responding officers rendered medical aid until the arrival of Fire Department medics. The subject was transported to an area hospital with serious injuries. The investigation determined the [shooting occurred in Fairfax County](#). While on scene, the occupant of one of the stopped vehicles attempted to discard narcotics. A search incident to arrest located a significant amount of cash on his person. He was arrested and charged with Possession with Intent to Distribute a Schedule I/II and Transportation of Controlled Substances into Virginia. He was held without bond.

NARCOTICS VIOLATION, 2020-10160108, 800 block of S. Walter Reed Drive. An officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle displaying a fraudulent dealer license plate. The subsequent investigation recovered items consistent with narcotics distribution and a significant amount of cash. The investigation is ongoing.

BURGLARY, 2020-06300058, 2700 block of S. Glebe Road. On June 29, a suspect forced entry into a gas station and stole items of value. During the course of the investigation, video surveillance and crime scene evidence were recovered. Detectives recognized the suspect from a separate burglary investigation. Following the execution of a search warrant, the suspect was arrested and charged on October 13 with Burglary and Grand Larceny.

STOLEN VEHICLE, 2020-10260033, S. Eads Street at 26th Road S. Police were dispatched to the report of an unresponsive male subject down on a sidewalk. Upon arrival, it was determined the male subject was suffering from an apparent overdose and transported to an area hospital. During the course of the investigation, a vehicle associated with the incident was determined to have been previously reported stolen from Fairfax County. A search of the female driver prior to transport located narcotics on her person. She was arrested and charged with Possession of Schedule I and Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle and held on secure bond.

STOLEN VEHICLE, 2020-10280015, I-395 at S. Hayes Street. While conducting speed enforcement, an officer located a stolen 2020 Bentley Continental. The driver was arrested for Grand Larceny Auto and possession of stolen credit cards. He was held on a secured bond.

STOLEN VEHICLE, 2020-10120036, 3100 block of 10th Street N. Police were dispatched to the report of a suspicious vehicle observed driving through the neighborhood with two subjects walking alongside it and appearing to look into parked vehicles. The investigation resulted in the [arrest](#) of two suspects for vehicle-related property crimes.

STOLEN VEHICLE, 2020-10010014, 3600 block of S. Glebe Road. Police were dispatched to the report of two suspects trespassing and tampering with vehicles in a parking garage. Upon arrival, it was determined that security observed two suspects enter the garage on motorcycles and begin trying door handles. One suspect was apprehended on scene while the other fled from police. Through investigative means, the second suspect was identified and arrested. The suspects were charged with various offenses and held on bond.

FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE, 2020-10260103, 15th Street S. at S. Fern Street. An officer conducted a traffic stop for equipment violations. The investigation determined the driver was wanted on two felony warrants by Virginia State Police. The driver was arrested and held on a secured bond.

FRAUD, 2020-10080041, 2700 block of S. Quincy Street. Detectives executed search warrants as part of an ongoing investigation into a subject suspected of dealing narcotics and conducting fraud crimes in the region. Drug paraphernalia, numerous credit cards and a firearm with extended magazine were recovered. The suspect was arrested and charged with Felon in Possession of a Firearm and Ammunition. The investigation is ongoing.

STALKING, 2020-10090094, 3000 block of Wilson Boulevard. Detectives assigned to the Special Victims Unit [charged a suspect](#) with sexual battery and two counts of felony stalking related to three separate incidents of following women walking in Arlington. He was held on no bond.

SEX OFFENSE, 2019-02044001, Ballston/Virginia Square. Detectives assigned to the Special Victims Unit traveled to Tennessee to execute a search warrant as part of an ongoing child rape investigation. Electronic evidence was recovered. Charges are pending.

INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN TASK FORCE – Detectives executed four search warrants in support of possession of child pornography cases. Arrests are pending.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING – Detectives from the Special Victims Unit assisted with a [regional investigation](#) that resulted in the arrest of a Washington D.C. man for Sex Trafficking of Children.

TRANSPORTATION SAFETY

The Police Department is committed to ensuring the safety of all travelers - including bicyclists, pedestrians and motorists - on our roadways. The Department uses a two-pronged approach to improving transportation safety: education and enforcement. Below are some of the notable actions undertaken in the month of October in support of the department's key initiative of Transportation Safety.

- The Special Operation Section (SOS) supported 6 special events for the month of October, to include the ITS Personal March, the Rosslyn Cinema Series, and the Multi-Cultural Street Festival Car Parade.
- SOS supported 9 significant escorts during the month, including the escort of Medal of Honor Recipient, US Army Special Forces Staff Sgt. Ron Shurer II, as he was laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery.
- The Department participated in [Operation Crash Reduction](#), a regional campaign aimed at saving lives and preventing injuries. From October 9 through October 12, police enforced applicable traffic laws with the goal of educating drivers and passengers on the dangers of traveling without a seatbelt. The campaign resulted in the issuance of 74 summonses/written warnings and 5 DUI arrests.
- Midnight officers were detailed during four shifts in the month of October as DUI enforcement units. This initiative was focused on previously identified locations in the County that have had the highest number of alcohol-related crashes during the past twelve months. These enforcement efforts resulted in 8 citations, 2 DUI arrests and 1 felony arrest for Possession With Intent to Distribute a Controlled Substance.
- The Alcohol Saturation Action Program (ASAP) is an enforcement campaign designed to make our roadways safer by identifying, stopping and apprehending drivers who are under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Officers working ASAP made 9 DUI arrests, issued 74 traffic summonses, 10 reckless driving summonses and 6 driving suspended/revoked summonses.

OCTOBER DEDICATED TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

Program	Hours in October
Radar Speed Enforcement	445
Red Light	118
DMV Grant Funded Enforcement	26.5
Crash Reduction Program	253

CRASHES

Crash Type	Crashes in October
Total Crashes	106
Fatal Crashes	0
Serious Injury Crashes	1
Pedestrian-Involved Crashes	13

CITATIONS/WRITTEN WARNINGS

Month	Citations/Written Warnings Issued in October
October	2,139



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Since the 1990's, the Police Department has embraced community policing, a philosophy and practice that seeks to involve everyone in the safety and welfare of their community. The agency is committed to actively engaging with the public to build strong community-based partnerships and foster police interaction and cooperation with those we serve. Below are some of the notable highlights from the month of October in support of the department's key initiative of Community Engagement.

• Community Events

- The Arlington Assembly of God hosted a luncheon with officers across the agency to discuss current events, concerns and officer wellness with members of the Church community.
- Officers conducted a "birthday drive-by" for Mr. Angelo Radasso's 97th birthday. Mr. Radasso, who is retired from the U.S. Navy, received well-wishes and celebration from our officers.
- Officers assigned to the Community Outreach Teams organized/participated in eight civic association/public meetings, conducted five community presentations, and addressed five community-related complaints.
- The Community Outreach Teams organized/participated in eight community events this month, including [National Drug Take Back Day](#), ACPD's [Costumed Cruiser Halloween Parade](#), "America's Operation Thank You, The Relay in the Sky," and the Green Valley Working Group.
 - Halloween is typically a time when personnel throughout the agency interact with the community by leading neighborhood parades, handing out candy, participating in trunk or treat and attending neighborhood events. With the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic impacting in-person events, the Community Outreach Teams planned and conducted their first ever Halloween Parade of Costumer Cruisers.
 - On National Drug Take Back Day, officers across three locations collected 170lbs of prescription drugs which were turned over to the DEA for disposal. Arlingtonians can safely dispose of unused, unwanted or expired prescription medications 24/7/365 in one of our [four permanent drug-take back boxes](#).
 - "America's Operation Thank You, The Relay in the Sky," sponsored by The Spirit Liberty Foundation, was held to honor thank Healthcare Heroes and First Responders for their work during the pandemic and finished its final leg at the Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport.
 - The Green Valley Working Group was formed, with the help of the Green Valley Civic Association (GVCA), to address citizens' concerns, both criminal and non-criminal, concentrated in and around the Town Square.

• Engagement

- Patrol Officers continue to assist Department of Human Services personnel with the Co-Responder Program. This program involves officers and DHS staff visiting identified DHS patients, at the direction of their clinician, for a check on the welfare and to provide any services needed to those individuals.
- Officers conducted foot patrols of the Courthouse Farmer's Market and made positive engagements with both vendors and patrons.
- Officers conducted foot patrols of the Ballston and Rosslyn Metro stations to address an increase in community complaints regarding subjects loitering and aggressively harassing individuals for money.
- FRK9 Brooks continues to participate in both group and individual training sessions with his handler Officer R. Ryan. FRK9 Brooks is learning to brace, stand and engage when an individual displays signs of emotional distress, take something in his mouth upon command, and pushing an open door closed upon command.

• Election Preparation

- Weekly meetings were held by the Department of Public Safety Communications and Emergency Management to prepare for the November 3rd General Election; this included discussion of the region's Evacuation Transportation Plan.
- The Operational Support Section provided Arlington CERT volunteers with virtual traffic and crowd management training in preparation for their activation during the General Election.
- Business Outreach Unit provided tips to businesses for safeguarding their establishments from any activity related to the General Election.

• Auxiliary Unit

- Auxiliary Officers provided a total of 376.5 hours of service for the month (2,663.5 for the calendar year). This service includes 52 safety seat inspections, 86 bicycle registrations, 2 special events and 16 hours of bike patrol.

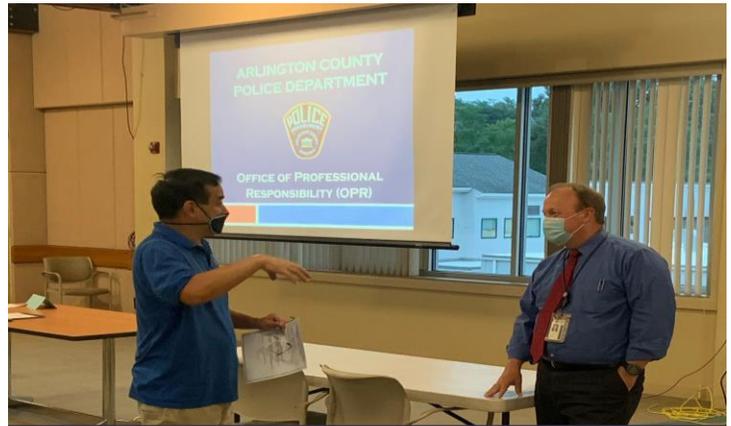
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- **Arlington Restaurant Initiative (ARI) and the Nightlife Detail**
 - Members of ARI provided [security training](#) for Bowlero located in Crystal City.
 - Officers working the Nightlife Detail saw an increase in patron counts in both Clarendon and Crystal City.
 - The Business Outreach Unit is working with establishments in these areas to address noise concerns and quality of life issues stemming from nightlife activities.
 - There were three [Bar Safe Violations](#) issued during the month of October by the Nightlife Detail at establishments in Clarendon, all of which were yellow category infractions.
 - A total of 70 fake identifications were collected in Clarendon by the Nightlife Detail.
- **Crisis Intervention Team (CIT)**
 - The Operational Support Section continues to liaison with the Department of Human Services and attended several monthly meetings held by different departments within the County, including the Mental Health Criminal Justice Review Committee and other diversionary programs.
 - The Operational Support Section participated in the formation of a Disability Response Team, with the goal of aiding individuals with physical and mental disabilities who are involved in the judicial process.
- **Citizen's Police Academy**
 - The 24th [Citizen's Police Academy](#) began on September 17th, 2020 with 25 participants. During the month, the CPA presented the following discussion series with participants:
 - *Office of Professional Responsibility* – Use of Force as it pertains to policing; participants were provided with relevant case law and law enforcement analysis using in-car and body worn camera footage (open source).
 - *Academy Experience* – Simulator and scenario training at the Northern Virginia Criminal Justice Training Academy (NVCJTA), to include domestic disputes, mental health and traffic stops.
 - *Operations Division Panel* – Q&A for participants; panelist included members of Patrol, Special Operations, and TACOPS (SWAT, CDU, K-9).
 - *CIT / Mental Health / Homeless* – Officers from the Community Resources Section presented on the Department's CIT and Homeless Outreach Program.
 - *Business Outreach* – The BOU provided an overview of their unit and the historical success of the partnership between the Department and the business community in Arlington.
- **Homeless Outreach Program (HOP)**
 - [HOP](#) coordinated with County service providers to organize services for several homeless persons in need of immediate assistance. HOP also met with several business and community organizations in the Rosslyn area to mitigate conflict and address quality of life issues related to unsheltered individuals.
 - In the month of October, the Homeless Outreach Program:
 - Received more than 20 referrals from officers to introduce homeless persons to services.
 - Coordinated placement for three homeless persons into shelter care or housing.
 - Provided food and clothing resources for donation to ASPAN and the Residential Program Center (RPC).
- **Recruitment and Retention**
 - The Recruitment and Retention Unit (R&RU) hosted 4 days of testing for police applicants during the month, with 31 applicants advancing to the next round of the hiring process.
 - 6 recruit officers have been hired thus far for the 144th session of the NVCJTA
 - R&RU hosted 2 virtual hiring events through Handshake; over 110 college students RSVP'd for attendance, 6,500 students were messaged, and 199 students directly engaged with staff.
 - R&RU participated in two virtual career fairs this month, hosted by Mary Baldwin College and Radford University.
 - There was an increase in the number of applications received through Handshake.
- **School Resource Officers**
 - With schools in a virtual setting, officers assigned to the SRO Unit are providing supplemental support to units within the department. This includes supporting patrol, recruitment, criminal investigations, and processing the increase in online reports.

PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS



Lt. Pilco and Project Peace partners met to assemble client care bags for women and children served by Doorways.



During the 3rd week of the Citizen's Police Academy, participants met with the Office of Professional Responsibility.



Officers at 3 locations collected 170 lbs. of prescription drugs during Drug Take Back Day events.



While on foot patrol in Ballston, Captain Giroux enjoyed the recently opened Mosaic Park alongside some kids.



ACPD officers at "America's Operation Thank You, The Relay in the Sky" at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport.



ACPD's frightfully fun parade of costumed cruisers made its way through the streets of Arlington on Halloween.



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